## Summary

The subject of the invention is a smart card reader (31) comprising a card reader part for receiving a detachable smart card (11) connected to it and for communicating information between the smart card reader (31) and the smart card (11). In addition, the smart card reader (31) comprises a short-range communications part (32) connected to said card reader part for communicating information using a RF wireless method between the smart card reader (31) and a wireless communications terminal (8) external to it: said short-range communications part (32) comprising a processing unit (MCU) for controlling the short-range communications part. Said processing unit (MCU) contained in the shortrange communications part (32) is arranged to control the operations of the card reader part in addition to the operations of the short-range communications part (32). In addition, the subject of the invention covers a method and a system.

Figure 3.